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VERMONT'S HIGHWAY PLAN.

Fuller C. Smith of St. Albans has always opposed the present policy of road construction in Vermont. He believes in the "trunk line" highway system of macadam or other high grade road. He is now constructing (on paper—a series of letters to the Free Press) some trunk lines up and down across this state. The estimated cost is only \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000. We haven't noticed very many folks tumbling over themselves to get aboard Mr. Smith's band wagon.

The fact is the people of Vermont as a whole are tolerably well satisfied with the present policy of "selected" or "state roads" on which special work is done. Fills are being made, grades lowered, general road bed widened and drained and the best surface applied that is obtainable at a reasonable expense—in most cases gravel. These highways are kept in very good repair and compare very favorably with the average roads of other states. In fact autoists in general speak of them as "good" and are surprised at the quality of Vermont roads as a whole. These "selected" highways form a chain of fine gravel and dirt roads linking every section of the state together. The overtopping beauty of the whole plan is that we are paying for them as we go. No bonded debt of millions, the interest on which would be as much as the state now appropriates for highway purposes, say nothing of the immense upkeep expense of macadam or like roads.

Mr. Smith further purposes to take road-making from the towns into the hands of the state. Mr. Smith must be very ignorant of conditions as they exist in many towns. Voters who live in sections of a town where the "special" road does not directly benefit them now think they are paying too much for "special" highway purposes. But let anyone try to improve still fewer roads at a still greater expense and see where they land. It won't be "in the middle of the road" as the saying goes.

The greatest need in our present road policy is greater attention to repairs on improved roads. Our roads need more attention after they are built. This is true of all roads but more especially of our "selected" highways. A few hours' work at periods of one or two weeks' interval at different points on these roads where depressions begin to appear, gully starts, stones have become loose in the roads or other imperfections appear, would save much labor, money and bad roads. Let the people demand this attention to our roads and everything considered the Monitor cannot see a better road policy in sight for Vermont than the present "make-the-best-road-possible-with-the-material-at-hand-and-pay-as-you-go plan."

Tomorrow is "pick up" day according to the wishes of the state board of health.

Unquestionably the people of the nation are not with California in her demand for legislation that will restrict Japanese alone from holding land in that state. Gov. Johnson, candidate for vice president on the Progressive ticket, and his state of Progressive followers who shouted all during the campaign for the rule of the people, should now let the people rule.

It is now expected Vice President Marshall will be located near President Wilson at Cornish, N. H., just across the Connecticut river from Windsor this summer. Windsor appears to be the town most benefited and is already experiencing a real estate boom and many strangers are in town securing leases on property. We hope the President will motor up among the lakes and hills of Orleans county occasionally this summer and see some real scenery.

Are you going to help in the anti-fly campaign this spring and summer? The campaign needs your help. In the first place clean up every possible breeding place where flies have accumulated and keep refuse out of the reach of flies. One fly may make almost a complete circuit of the town in one day. Starting from some slop hole he may next visit your breakfast table, take a turn on the nipple of the baby's nursing bottle, call at the livery stable and feed on a galled shoulder, step into the next pantry for a run on the dough, crawl over the sleeping child's face and lips, visit the gutter,—and well, here are a few calls he can readily make in a day. Prevent his breeding. Screen him out. Swat him.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

Public Play Grounds.

When such a small community as the village of Stowe prepares to have a public play ground for the children, some of the larger communities of Vermont ought to be ashamed of their backwardness.—Barre Times.

Who's Who for Senator.

No, we don't hear much about the senatorship these days. But what we do hear indicates there will be a very strong sentiment in favor of electing Charles A. Prouty of the interstate commerce commission for the position.—St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

Why Beef Is Expensive.

The population of the country has increased 11 per cent since 1907, the number of beef cattle has decreased 30 per cent. Furthermore 222,000 head of cattle came into the country in the first eight months this year, against only 12,500 in 1907.—Statistics of the Department of Commerce.

A Green Mountain Boy.

The new chief justice of the Supreme court of Maine is a native of Vermont and a graduate of Dartmouth college, but those facts do not militate against him. Judge Alfred R. Savage first saw the light of day in Ryegate in 1848, and his degree was received from the institution in Hanover in 1871. Judge Savage has been on the bench of the higher courts of Maine 15 years and is one of the best loved men of the whole state.—Brattleboro Reformer.

Found Out the Poor Ones.

The Orleans County Monitor prints a list of ten cows owned by the Memphremagog Cow Testing Association that have produced in excess of 40 pounds of butter each in thirty days. The lowest production in the list is 40.5 pounds of butter while the highest is 57.2 pounds. The average per cow is 45.5 pounds. It is certainly worth something to these farmers to know they have cows that are such good butter producers but it is probably worth more to them to find out they have cows that on the same feed and care are not producing over half or two-thirds of that amount of butter. They will know at the end of a year which cows it pays them to keep in their dairy and get the most profit. It does seem strange that more farmers are not having their cows tested and securing better returns on their feed and labor.—St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

Senatorship Talk.

The Rutland News intimates that the active interest the Rutland Herald is taking in the first popular election of senators in Vermont (it isn't often that the Herald manifests any interest in Vermont's public affairs nowadays) presages the candidacy of the Herald's owner, the Hon. Percival W. Clement, for the honor. Mr. Clement, it is stated, will try to break the mountain rule and succeed Senator Dillingham, whose term expires next year, thus giving the west side two senators and the east side none. The News further hints that former Governor Mead, likewise of Rutland, may also try for the place. Undoubtedly, nominations for senator next year will be made by the several party conventions, at the time the general state tickets are nominated, probably late in the summer, as election does not take place until November. A plurality then determines the choice, so that, in a badly divided field, we might easily have a minority senator, possibly representing a minority party.—Randolph Herald and News.

Where Do They Stand?

There is one question that has been troubling the Messenger for some time, and it has to do with what view is held by Vermont Progressives in regard to representation in the legislature. The Progressive watchword is, "Let the people rule," something which has been advocated all time since Athens and the other Grecian cities went down under pure democracy, and which was Mr. Bryan's call during one of his periodic attempts to break into the White House. Do these Progressives in the smaller towns really mean what it is just to imply they say? Are they willing to let the people rule and have proportional representation instead of representation by town? Let some good Progressive paper explain this thing, let it tell the "peepul" how far the Progressives are willing to translate a fine catch phrase into fact. Most Progressives are in the farming communities where Mr. Taft's reciprocity plan led them to swat themselves when they thought they were hitting the former president, and some light on the subject will be interesting.—St. Albans Messenger.

Commissioner Prouty.

Interstate Commissioner Charles A. Prouty, who figures conspicuously in the pending investigation of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, is a Vermonter, of somewhat radical tendencies, alert and vigorous in action, and very ready in speech. He succeeded Wheelock C. Veazie, also of Vermont, on the commission. The latter, on account of ill health, went to Mr. Cleveland with a letter of resignation. But the President told him to put it in his pocket.

Some months passed by and Mr. Redfield Proctor, quite as alert in finding federal offices as any senator on record, came to Boston with the suggestion that it was very important that this part of the country should be represented on that board, and that he had a man for the place in the person of Charles A. Prouty, a railroad lawyer of exceptional efficiency.

Through Mr. Tuttle's acquaintance with Mr. Olney, then in the Cleveland cabinet, and several other influential Democrats, Mr. Prouty was favorably presented to the administration. And Mr. Proctor's own influence was not small. As a result Mr. Cleveland named Prouty. He has had a long and interesting career on the commission. President Roosevelt was at first much displeased with him, regarding some of his utterances as unnecessarily offensive to the railroad managers. The colonel liked to say all the radical things himself. But eventually he changed his attitude toward the most aggressive of the commissioners, and came to lean on him much in the development of his railroad program.—Boston Herald.

STATE NEWS.

Sold Liquor to Boys.

Charles H. Lator of Rutland, who has surrendered his license to sell intoxicating liquor at the Barre, pleaded guilty in court to one offense of selling liquor to minors, contrary to the terms of his license, and was fined \$300 and costs by Judge F. M. Butler.

Big Show of Automobiles.

Vermont's Third Annual Automobile show will be held in the armory, Burlington, four days, from April 30 to May 3. Arrangements have been completed for a very successful show in every way. Every available foot of space given over for the exhibits has been taken.

Barre Granite Selected.

Arrangements have been made for the erection in the Arlington National cemetery of a monument of Barre granite to Major Archibald W. Butt, U. S. A., military aide to President Roosevelt and Taft, who was lost at sea when the steamship Titanic sank in the Atlantic ocean, April 15th, 1912.

Bonds Which Are Legal.

Bank Commissioner F. C. Williams has issued an official list of the railroad bonds which are legal investments for Vermont state banks. The list of the bonds permissible under the provisions of the laws of 1912 and 1910. The only Vermont railroads whose bonds are acceptable are the Boston & Maine (St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain), New London Northern (Central Vermont) and the Burlington Traction Company.

Dog Saves Second Child From Death.

Rover, a big St. Bernard dog owned by W. J. Ellis of Poultney, for the second time within the last two years saved the life of a child. Daniel Costello, the eleven-year-old son of George Costello, fell into the river April 23, which runs near the village of Putney and but for action of the dog would have been drowned. About two years ago the animal in a similar manner saved the life of his mistress, the young daughter of Mr. Ellis.

To Revise Public Statutes.

Gov. Allen M. Fletcher has announced the appointment of Hale K. Darling of Chelsea, Julius A. Wilcox of Ludlow and Daniel A. Gaultin of Bennington a commission to make such revision of the public statutes as is necessary by reason of the constitutional amendments adopted by the people at the last annual town and city meetings in March. This revision will be presented to the legislature at the special session to be called by the governor.

To Reopen Girls' School.

Bishop Hopkins Hall, the girls' school at Rock Point near Burlington, which has not been in operation for several years, while an endowment of \$100,000 was being raised, is to be reopened in September next, under the principalship of Miss Ellen Seton Ogden, Ph. D., of Bryn Mawr. Miss Ogden was for ten years on the staff of St. Agnes' school at Albany, N. Y., and is now at Miss Porter's school at Farmington Center. She has secured a staff of experienced teachers to assist her.

Over Embankment near Middlebury.

Half a dozen passengers were seriously and several others severely injured about 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening when the New York flyer on the Rutland railroad was partly derailed four miles north of Middlebury. The train, when the accident occurred, was running at a speed of about 40 miles an hour. Railroad men say it was caused by spreading rails. The track was torn up for 300 yards, 100 yards of which were on a bridge. Two Pullmans, two day coaches, a combination baggage and mail car left the rails and one of the Pullmans, a steel car, capsized and slid 10 feet down an embankment. In it at the time were about 15 passengers.

President's Summer Staff at Windsor.

The government building at Windsor, will be used for the executive offices during the time that President Wilson spends at the summer White House in Cornish, N. H. Court rooms on the second floor which are ordinarily used only a few days each year will be utilized by the Washington officials and telegraph companies are making plans for branch offices in the building. There are five or six rooms available for use as private and public offices and telegraph rooms and other purposes. Surveyors have begun laying lines for the new Wilson road, to be built from the village to the Winston Churchill estate, which is to be occupied by President Wilson. The cost of the road is to be borne by the state.

Negro Boy Thrown in the River and Drowns.

Three men, Henry McCabe, James Sweeney and Henry Keniston, workmen on a big dam being constructed in Bolton, were arrested March 20, charged with throwing a negro boy into the river with the result that the lad drowned. It seems that the boy was working for a firm in that vicinity and stole the dinner pails of the men named above. They caught the boy and thrashed him and told him to produce the dinner pails by a certain hour or they would chuck him in the river. Weak from his thrashing the boy did not get the pails and at the hour named was pushed into the water. One of the men then thought he was drowning and tried to save him but could not. The body was not found for several days after. A fourth man mixed up in the affair escaped arrest. The grand jury of the Chittenden county court now in session will hear the case.

Officer a Defaulter.

A sensation developed at the 24th annual session of Grand Lodge of Vermont, New England Order of Protection at Barre, when it became known that Henry H. Davis, grand treasurer for 20 years, was a defaulter by his own admission of \$2160.

A letter was read in the grand lodge addressed by Mr. Davis to the grand warden in which he acknowledged the defalcation. It appeared that he had been using the lodge money in small amounts during the last 15 years. These sums were replaced for a time, but after a while got beyond

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